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Stony Brook University
University Senate
Campus Environment Committee
June 17, 2008
VP Administration Conference Room
1:00 – 2:30 pm

Attending: Gil Hanson, Chair; Ramona Walls, Vice Chair; Nick Koridis, Recording Secretary; Mary Hotaling, Kristen Nyitray, Fred Walter, Paul Siegel, and Kathleen Weber

Excused: Wendy Fidaio, Catherine Horgan, John Robinson, Dorothy Shannon Schiff, Krupa Gohil, Muriel Weyl, John Murray

Staff: Amy Provenzano

Guests: Malcolm Bowman, Cynthia Dietz

Meeting called to order by: Gil Hanson at 1:00 PM (ended at 2:15 PM)

I. Introductions – G. Hanson

Introductions were made of all attendees

II. Review of the Minutes – Nick read the minutes from the last meeting were accepted and motion approved by Paul and Ramona seconded.

III. Status Reports

1. **Environmental Master Plan – Amy Provenzano**

- Amy spoke on behalf of Barbara Chernow that the proposed hotel SBF will be situated on the same parcel with one change that there is no access from entrance road way. They are looking for a potential developer.
- Ramona asked about parking lot and Amy wasn't sure about the actual site to minimize the cutting of existing trees. Gil said they should have a screen from the campus and hotel.
- Paul asked about green design for planning of the hotel and that the dorms were not. Could we be consulted on the status?
- Amy said new dorms are supposed to be green and AERTC as well as the Southampton library, new sewage treatment plant at Southampton to be green. AERTC is going for the plaque and not sure about other buildings.
- Gil asked consideration about carbon footprint and not cutting trees.
- Malcolm asked about who was the contractor and Amy wasn't sure. Malcolm spoke about issues to be considered.
- Bob said this committee sent Richard Mann a letter about addressing site.

- Malcolm said it would detract from the entrance to the campus building.
- Do we want anyone else on this committee to oppose this hotel? Members past were not present at this meeting.
- Fred said it would be beneficial to have a hotel on campus although a discussion to find an alternative site would be helpful.
- Gil and Ramona asked for motion as it is important to find an alternate site on campus.
- Site was approved in past and Malcolm said ground lease can be changed.
- Bob said Dick Mann said locking a site was reference to a time where no requirements for union labor and any ties to changing the ground lease.
- Bob would prefer site the hotel on an existing parking lot and put a garage underneath rather than taking trees out not far from site.
- Ramona made a Motion to ?? I requested a copy after meeting...

2. **Developments at the Research and Development Park – Amy Provenzano**

- AMY said CEWIT is scheduled to open August 2008, AERTC procurement moving early fall, SHTM in design, software incubator to move and photo voltaic panels to be installed on roof of Building 517. July they will complete installation of greenhouse and to move to the R&D Park. Greenhouse at Southampton was changed and rebuilt with a pellet stove and a water collection system. On order was in-vessel food composting. Roth café pre-consumer waste on campus. Fall Roth café to open and will use food stuffs.
- Gil asked if the berms were permanent at the R&D park site and Amy said yes??
- Gil emailed couple weeks ago about the mini Baja that the engineering students build their vehicles and race at the R&D. They were originally at the South P lot and moved to R&D.
- Malcolm asked why the large mounds of soil berms and wasn't sure why it was necessary around the perimeter of the site as it looks like a dump.
- Malcolm pointed out on campus map on R&D and was curious why piled high.
- Paul asked about long term voltaic study for Keyspan/National Grid.

3. **Campus Sustainability Task Force/Recycling – Amy Provenzano**

- Amy asked about the happenings and move out program from all dorms. Amy went into detail and numbers ... I asked for details....she will forward me a copy. June 18, 2008 edition
- Wellness center for drop off.
- Executive orders number four...Governor David Paterson exec order to support green ... Amy to send link from website.
- Sewage treatment plant Southampton. Living machine treatment plant.
- Fall of 2008 a contest for a new name of the program... move out recycling program.

4. **Smoking Policy Sub-committee – Gil Hanson**

Recap of the University regional planning smoking policy.

- Gil spoke about the smoking policy and other campuses that implement it.
- Discussed motion and issues re: education and dealing with changes.
- Spoke about changes to policy and the GSO representative was treated poorly and Roberts rules seemed to be out of order.
- No smoking within 50 ft from any entrance and no smoking amendment from 20 ft from any building from Fred Walter
- GSO asked Dr. Kenny to disregard this policy from the executive committee.
- Bob discussed his opinion and mentioned the substitute motions as being very offensive.

5. University Safety Committee – Mary Hotaling

- Paul said nothing to report and mentioned meeting last Wednesday of final aspect of report to be in by the fifteenth.
- Policies and procedures are topic of discussion and harassment.
- This was suppose to be an annual report and only met in a short amount of time.
- New committee to be formed every year and report to the chancellor.

5. Parking and Transportation Subcommittee – Ramona Walls

- Still working on report and nothing to report about.

6. Friends of Ashley Schiff

- Malcolm to be honoree chair Robert Gallucci late 60s graduated with his brother and his father worked in physic dept. Sec of state for bill Clinton. Dean of studies of Georgetown.

OTHER

- **Bottled Water.** Ramona presented a resolution read from a memo from the Suffolk County Water Association. This is a motion from this committee to the senate. Larry Swanson sent a letter to President Kenny about considering a similar resolution to the committee to take to the senate.
- Ramona will change some of the wording for a motion.... A MOTION TO accept with Fred seconded and no further discussion. Four favor two abstentions.
- Cynthia asked about water from public to municipal and tap water was accepted.
- Dr. Kenny is very supportive of this and the senate will embrace this if it is supported by CEC.
- Amy spoke about the caterers and they agreed to go along with having bottled water limited or omitted for campus functions.
- Kathleen Weber said they had a function on campus which was great by having water available.
- Malcolm said commencement had a lot of empty bottles under chairs after service.

- Software to enable to view adobe geo (GIS) pdf, Cynthia Dietz, is collecting data and able to make our own maps and she will present any additions at a national conference next year.
- Gil asked Amy to discuss the carbon footprint as it is almost complete. Will show it in August meeting with first audit. Malcolm asked how budget is calculated. Electric, production of Calpine, heating and cooling, oil, natural gas, miles travel, fleet, commuting miles from all, not including ...waste and where it goes...not sure where it goes...Malcolm asked to calculate how much garbage goes to waste.
- Malcolm encouraged the use of public transportation, renewable energy, balance buy for carbon credits.

Gil to discuss this at our next meeting that by the fall of 2008, Gil and Ramona will step down from this committee. Chair and co-chair will be discussed for elections.

Next meeting in August....possible Tuesday August 19 at 1 pm... TBD

Meeting adjourned 2:21 PM....

CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 2007/2008

Charge: It shall examine all aspects of the campus environment, including but not limited to safety, security, facilities planning, state of facilities, and general appearance of the campus. It will consult with and advise the Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Services.

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